Lesson - 9 Halving and Doubling Principles

9.1 INTRODUCTION

For requiring accuracy and speed in shorthand, it is essential that the shorthand outlines should be written as brief as possible. Halving principle has been adopted to achieve the same objective. In the previous lesson you have learnt about the consonants L & SH. In shorthand if all the consonants are used in full form, the outlines will be too lengthy and time consuming. With this end in view, various devices through which brief shorthand outlines can be written have been introduced.

The Doubling Principle is the fastest mechanism by which many words/phrases can be written in shorthand speedily. Much time gets wasted while lifting our pen & writing another stroke. Doubling principle is time saving device, we double the size of a stroke without lifting our pen/pencil.

9.2 OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson you will be able to :-

- define the halving and doubling principle;
- identify the sounds for which halving and doubling principle is adopted;
- list the cases where halving principle is not applied;

- undertake repeated practice with the help of relevant exercise;
- use the doubling principle in phraseography.

9.3 HALVING PRINCIPLE

Writing a consonant stroke in half the length is called halving principle. In Pitman Shorthand the strokes are halved in length for the addition of 'T' or 'D'. The halving principle is adopted to write the outlines quickly and rapidly.

(i) Halving for 't' only

Light strokes in one syllable words without any final hook or joined diphthong are halved for the addition of 't only' thus -

 tight	 light	opt
 chart	 pat	

Vocalizing half length forms

Full length		Half length	l
	fie		fight
	off		oft
	seek		sect

Position of half length strokes (forms)

Upward or downward half length characters are not written through the line. The half length stroke in third place vowel is written on the line and the vowel is indicated at the third place; thus :-

•••••	pit	•••••	lit
	witness		little

(ii) Halving for 'D' only

One syllable words having heavy strokes without any final hook or joined

	aged	died		
•••••	bed	charged		
(iii)	Halving fo	or 't' or 'd'		
(a)	Words have of 't' or 'd',	•	lable are halve	d either for the addition
	•••••	rabbit		credit
	•••••	debate		received
	•••••	related		current
	•••••	decided		indeed
(b)		aving final hook or jo 't' or 'd'; thus-	bined diphthong	g may be halved for the
		paved		pound
		proud		about
		doubt		plant
		point		joint
(iv)	Circle 'S'	after half length sti	rokes-	
Circle	e 'S' at the er	nd of a half length for	rm is read after	't' or 'd'; thus-
		rift		rifts
		coat		coats
		rent		rents
	•••••	hint		hints

(v) Half length 'H'

Half length 'H' when standing along is written upward; thus-

		height		hot
		hit		hoot
Halv	ing Princip	le is not employed in	the followi	ng cases:
(a)		f more than one syllabl final vowel requires a		vel follows final 't' or 'd', thus-
		pit	but	pity
		greed	but	greedy
(b)	When a tri	phone immediately pre	ecedes 't' or 'd	l'; thus-
		fight	but	fiat
		died	but	diadem
(c)	Where a m or 'd'; thus		is obtained by	the use of the stroke 't'
		secret	but	sacred
		unavoidable	but	inevitable
		hotly	but	hotel
(d)		' standing alone is not ha malogues 'and' & 'shou		the outlines will conflict
		rat		rate
		wrote		writ
(e)	After 'N' st thus-	roke, 'M' is not halved	and after 'M',	'N' stroke is not halved;
		nominate	don	ninate

SHORT FORMS/GRAMMALOGUES

quite	could	accord-ing
cared	guard	great
called	cold	equalled
gold	build-in	g told
chaired,	cheered th	at without
particu	ılar	opportunity
child		wished

Practice all the above short forms five lines each.

DRILL EXERCISE

1. Read and copy five lines of each word-

1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
2.	(i)	blood	resembled	ploughed	aged	
	(ii)	soft	white	sided	avoid	glad
	(iii)	pound	spot	secret	deed	
	(iv)	viewed	plates	robbed	apt	effort
3.	Write	in shorthar	nd five lines of	each word-		
(i)	argued	d grade	labelled	opened	land	

(ii)	grades	duplicate	hault	load	tied
(iii)	freight	weight	coat	tight	
(iv)	hunt	beat	raid	party	pat
(i)					
(ii)					
(iii)					
(iv)					
4.	Read, cop	by and praction	ce five time	es each sen	tence.
1.					
2.	•••••				
	•••••				
3.	•••••				
	•••••				
4.					
1.	He accele	rated the spe	ed of his c	ar to escap	be from the police.
2.	The seat f	for which the	y were figh	ting was o	ccupied by anybody else.
3.		ill help you i d meet him.	n your busir	ness and if	it is possible for you then
4.	The report was follow	-	y the officer	was placed	d on the table and no notice

 1. 2. 3. 4. 1. 2. 	The judge rejected his appeal because he could not see any argument in it.If you want to become a literary person, you should cultivate the habit of reading.He has set his business very efficiently.
3. 4. 1.	of reading.
4. 1.	He has set his business very efficiently.
1.	
	They have sold the number of tickets for the charity show to be held in Delhi.
2.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

INTEXT QUESTIONS 9.1

- 1. Fill in the blanks :-
- Halving a stroke indicates the addition of (i)
- R is not halved when standing alone. (ii)
- Half length 'H' when standing alone is written (ii)
- 2. Write the shorthand outlines of the following words :-
- (i) opt

(ii) abode(iii) fight

(iv) bent

(v) secret

(vi) extend

9.4 STROKES 'M' 'N' 'L' 'R'

There are a few additional applications of the halving principle :-

a) Strokes M, N, L and R (Downward) are thickened and halved for the addition of 'd'; thus-

	made	mood
	need	designed
	indicate	end
	field	bored
	bold	dared
	skilled	card
(b)	The half-length form words beginning with a vowel;	ld, standing alone, is used only for thus-
	ailed	old
	The words like	sold styled
	holed, must b	be written with the full strokes.
(c)	When a vowel comes in betwe written in full e.g.	en l-d or r-d, both the consonants will be
	pallied	but paled

	married	but marred
	sorrowed	but sword
	hurried	but hoard
(d)	The signs (do	wnward cannot be halved to represent the
	syllable-lerd, rerd respective	ly because the forms
	(downward) are used for repre-	esenting ld, rd, as explained above.
(e)	The strokes MP, MB, NG can or 'd' unless they are hooked	not be halved for the addition of either 't' initially or finally; thus-
	impute	imbued
	belonged b	ut hampered
	rampart	lingered
Strok	tes LT and RT	
(a)	The signs for rt and lt are gen	erally written upward, thus-
	part	pelt
	fort	fault
	but 'lt' is writ	tten downward after n and
	ng; thus-	
	inlet	ringlet
	and it is written downward after '1;' thus-	r 'w' if no vowel follows
	dwelt but	twilight

(b) The light signr (upward) may be used for rd when it is not convenient to write rd (downward) thus lard coloured
 preferred deferred
 (c) After the shun hook...... st may be written either downward or upward; thus receptionist educationist

STROKES OF UNEQUAL LENGTH

(a) Strokes of unequal length are not joined but are represented by disjoining half-length 't' or 'd' thus-

treated	attitude
credited	rotated
dictated	traded

(b) The half-sized stroke is also disjoined in some other cases; thus-

..... aptness tightness

..... hesitatingly hardness

...... outfit indebitedness

(c) In past tenses 'ted' or 'ded' is always indicated by halving 't' or 'd' respectively; thus-

..... partedreported

..... coated

..... graded

HALVING PRINCIPLE IN PHRASEOGRAPHY

Halving principle in phraseosgraphy is used for the following words:-

	a)	to		c)	word	
	b)	it		d)	would	
	e)	not e.g				
		able to				able to make
		able to	have			able to speak
		able to	think			
		I am no	t			you may not
		I will no	ot		•••••	. you will not
		this wo	uld		•••••	. we would be
		a few w	vords		•••••	. some words
		for som	ne time			at the same time
		if it is			•••••	. if it is not
		if it is t	to be		•••••	. in which it is
Note	: 'for' a	nd 'in' are not l	halved for	'it' in	phrasec	ography thus-
	•••••	for it		•••••	•••••	in it
SHORT FORMS/GRAMMALOGUES						
•••••	•••••	short	•••••	hand		under
		yard		word		immediate
		school		school	led.	spirit

certificate	knowledge	acknowledge
cannot	gentlemen	gentleman
tried	toward	towards

DRILL EXERCISE

- 1. Practice all the words five lines each given in this lesson.
- 2. Practice all the phrases and shortforms five lines each given in this section until you are able to write them easily.
- **3.** Read and practice five lines of each word in shorthand.

(i)					
(ii)					
(iii)					
(iv)					
(v)					
1.	said	signed	bored	borrowed	thronged
2.	solid	resumed	boiled	stated	homeguard
3.	forfeit	imitate	deducted	frustrated	deduct
4.	injured	suited	burried	melody	cautioned
5.	heard	treated	exported	retired	recent
4.	Write in shorthand five lines of each word-				
1.	current	agreement	mastered	old	draft
2.	skilled	stated	homeland	suited	colt
3.	invalid	intrude	ed w	vitness	sunlight

4.	pillared	surrendered	d glared	1	answered
5.	treated	dictated	attitude	acquinted	honoured
5.	Read and	practice one pa	ge of each sen	tence :-	
1.					
	•••••				
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.	Write in c	harthand and n	age of each co	ntonco	
0.	write m s	horthand one p	age of each se	intence:	
1.		with the United C able to save som		-	d by him so that
2.	I have grea goodself.	t pleasure to reco	eive the gratitu	de showered	on me by your
3.		le to pay you such wed some mone s.	•	•	
4.	-	officer fired in ue to some riots	-	-	nob which had
5.	-	enetrated into the den treasures of g	•		

7. Write in shorthand one page of each sentence:

- 1. The Board of Secondary Education has started the vocational course in Shorthand at Senior Secondary level.
- 2. The report which was sent to the press stated that the allegations made against the Minister are baseless.
- 3. The prices of essential goods were cut down at the request of the Minister.
- 4. The delegates were requested to elect their leader with responsibility and give him proper regards.
- 5. Truth has been divided into three kinds truth about things, truth of thought about things and truth in the accurate expression of thought about things.

INTEXT QUESTIONS 9.2

1.	Choose the correct answer :	
(i)	Stroke 'M' is thickened and halved, for	(t/d)
(ii)	The signs for rt and lt are generally written,	(upward/downward)
(iii)	The upward form of half length R is used, (init	ially/finally)
2.	Write the English words of the following short	hand outlines.
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		
(vi)		
(vii)		

9.5 WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

In this sub-unit you have learnt that halving a stroke indicates the addition of t or d. A light stroke of one syllable is halved for t only and a heavy stroke for d only. Vowel signs to halved form are read next to the primary stroke. Half length 'h' when not joined to another stroke is always written upward. Upward 'r' is not halved when standing alone. The halving principle is not applied when a word ends with a vowel, when 't' or 'd' is immediately preceded by a triphone and in a few other cases where the fuller form is necessary to secure distinction of outline. Half length strokes are not written through the line for vowel indication.

In the second part of this sub-unit you have learnt that the four strokes M, N, L and R (downward) are halved and thickened for the addition of 'd'. The thickened form of L and R (downward) are not used if a vowel occurs between ld, rd. MP,

MB and NG are halved when initially or finally hooked. Half-length upward R is used medially and finally for rd. The half-length st may be written downward or upward after shun. Two strokes of unequal length are not joined unless there is an angle at the point of junction. Half sized 't' or 'd' is always disjoined immediately following the strokes t or d.

In past tenses -ted or -ded is always indicated by half length t or d respectively. The halving principle is used in phraseography to represent the words 'it', 'not', 'word', 'would', 'to', etc.

9.6 TERMINAL QUESTIONS

- 1. State the circumstances where halving principle is not employed.
- 2. Explain with suitable examples under which circumstances the halving principle is applied to M, N, L and R (downward).
- 3. What are the rules for halving:
 - a) one syllable words
 - b) more than one syllable words
- 4. In which cases the halving principle is applied in phraseography ? Support your answer with suitable examples.

9.7 ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

9.1

- 1. i) 't' or 'd'
 - ii) Upward
 - iii) Upward
- 2. (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)

	(v)	
	(vi)	
9.2		
1.	i)	d
	ii)	upward
	iii)	finally
2.	i)	grade
	ii)	edited
	iii)	desert
	iv)	report
	v)	belonged
	vi)	marred
	vii)	married

9.8 MATERIAL FOR ENRICHMENT

For extended learning you may consult Chapter XXII and XXIII of Pitman Shorthand Instructor. Undertake repeated practice of the material related to this chapter and the exercises given in this lesson. Take dictation from any of your friends or family members.

9.9 THE DOUBLING PRINCIPLE

Writing of any stroke in double the size of its normal length is called Doubling. Strokes are doubled to get easier and flexible outlines. You have already learnt about the full and half lengths of the stroke. Now you will learn about the double length form of strokes.

Position of double length strokes

a) All double length downstrokes are written through the line whether there

	is a first, second or third place vowel, e.g.		
	painter	voter	
	tender	avoider	
	fitter		
b)	b) All double length horizontal strokes will be written on the line first sounded vowel is of second or third place e.g.		
	motor	enter	
	metre	nature	
	neater		

Doubling of straight strokes

A straight stroke can be doubled for the addition of tr. dr. Thr. and ture when:

i)	another stroke occures before it e.g.		
	folder	chapter	
	dictator	picture	
ii)	has an initial circle e.g.		
	sector	scatter	
	spider		
iii)	has a final hook or final joi	ned diphthong e.g.	
	painter	printer	
	tutor		

Doubling of Curved strokes

a) Curved strokes are doubled to indicate tr. dr. THr, ture, e.g.

enterfinderorderfathermotherfuture

nature

b) When a final circle 's' is attached to double length forms, it is to be read after tr. dr. THr, etc.

matters letters pictures

Doubling of stroke 'L'

a) Only tr. will be added when stroke 'L' standing alone is doubled. Circle 'S' can also be added. e.g.

letter letters

litre litres

b) However, stroke 'L' can be doubled for tr. or dr. when it has attachments e.g.

lender	 slaughter	
holder	 money-lender	

Remember the Three lengths of a stroke i.e. Full, Half and Double.

The various lengths will be clear from the following examples:

Full length	Half length	Double length
pick	picked	picture
		•••••

fie	fight	fighter
nay	neat	neater
hang	hanged	hanger

DRILL EXERCISES

1. Read and write five lines of each of the following:

		•••••
Tractor	Doubter	Operator
Rotator	Educator	Director
Typewriter	Another	Neither
Founder	Mender	Thunder
Louder	Father	Hinder
Pointer	Motor	Binder

	Wonder	Sister	Cylinder
2.	Write shorthand outlines five times for each of the following wor		
	Chapter	Counter	After
	Centre	Afternoon	Entertain
	Material	Venture	Loiter
	Auditor	Brighter	Better
	Potter	Cater	Tender
	Powder	Grafter	Alters
	Lighter	Ring-leader	Pen-holder
	Bolder	Folder	Amateur
	Natural	Grand mother	Voter
	Grand father	Projector	Slaughter
	Vendor	Centralising	Signature

3.	Read and copy each ser	ntence five times	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
1.	Sealed tenders are invite	ed for the supply of Dr	y Chemical Powder.
2.	Five people were killed	in the encounter.	
3.	The Shorthand writer sh	nould always be ready t	o perform his duties.
4.	The temperature will co	ome down in the afterno	oon.
5.	The slaughter house will	ll remain closed after lu	unch time.
4.	Write in shorthand th	ne following sentences	s five times each.
1.	The educators should ta	ke interest in the devel	lopment of the country.
2.	Please type a reminder of the letter kept in the fo		matter can be had from
3.	The absconder surrender afternoon today.	red in the court of First	Class Magistrate in the
4.	You should not surrended discuss the matter in deta and State Legislatures.	• •	your resignation till you ry Reports in the Central
5.	Please put your signatur	res on the letter kept ir	the folder.
1.			

INT	EXT OUESTIONS 9.3
5.	
4.	
3.	
2.	

- 1. Fill in the blanks:
- i) There are three lengths of a stroke i.e., full, half and
- ii) Straight stroke can be doubled for the addition of tr. dr. THr, and ture provided it has an circle.
- iii) Straight stroke can be doubled for the addition of tr. dr. THr, and ture provided another stroke occurs it.
- iv) Stroke 'L' standing alone is doubled for only.
- v) Stroke 'L' can be doubled for tr. or dr. when it has
- 2. Fill in the correct answers :
- i) Writing of any stroke in the size of its normal length is called Doubling;

(Half, Double)

ii) Final circle attached to double length forms is to be read tr, dr, THr,

(After, Before)

iii) If the first sounded vowel is of second or third place, all double length

horizontal strokes will be written the line.

(on, through)

3. At which place the words 'motor' and metre' will be written ?

DOUBLE LENGTH MP/MB

The character mp-mb, when not initially or finally hooked, is doubled for the addition of -er. e.g.

bumper	timber
chamber	jumper
amber	september
temper	

Alternative forms of MPR/MBR

The strokes MP/MB can also be represented in hooked form when attached to any upstroke or K. e.g.

lumber	cumber
camper	hamper

Double length NG

The character NG, is doubled for the addition of kr./gr. It is used initially and when following a circle or an upstroke e.g.

inker	sinker	
linger	winker	

ranker.....

Alternative form of NG-KR/NG-GR

The stroke NG can also be represented in hooked form when attached to downstrokes or horizontal strokes e.g.

tanker	banker
finger	conquer
stronger	tinker

9.10 EXCEPTIONS

The doubling principle is not employed in the following cases:

a)	in past	tenses	of any	word; e.g.
)	r		J	

wonder	but wondered	
enter	but entered	
ponder	but pondered	
matter	but mattered	•••••

b) When a vowel follows final tr. dr. Thr. because the final vowel requires a final stroke for the vowel sign e.g.

anger	but	angry	
flatter	but	flattery	
inventor	but	inventory	
winter	but	wintry	

Doubling Principle in Phraseography

a) The Doubling Principle is employed in phraseography for the addition of the following words:

	a)	There		
	b)	Their		
	c)	Other		
	d)	Dear e.g.		
	In their	r		I am sure there is
	Taking	their		Some other way
	In othe	er times		In other words
	My dea	ar sir		Very dear
b)	The doubling principle may also be, with advantage, used for writing Indian words e.g.			h advantage, used for writing Indian
	chowk	idar		mazumdar
	zamino	lar		thanedar
	avtar			sardar
Short	Forms	s/Grammalogues		
	charac		and	erful
	rather and wi		there	fore
	interes	t		

ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

9.3

- 1. i) double
 - ii) initial
 - iii) before
 - iv) tr.
 - v) attachments
- 2. i) double
 - ii) after
 - iii) on
- 3. second place

DRILL EXERCISES

1. Read and write five lines of each outline.

Temper	Temperature	Slumber
Pamper	Hamper	Linger
Hanger	Sinker	Ranker

Tanker	Hunger	Malinger
Canker	Drinker	

Feather

2. Write shorthand outlines five lines each of the following words:

Anchor	Vamper	December
Longer	Rendered	Ordered
Hungered	Pantry	Secondary
Votary	Gentry	Wintered
Tendered	Boundary	Ultra
Pleasantry	Country	

3. Write shorthand outlines five lines each of the following phrases:

Making their way	Pending their decision
I know there is	I shall be there
My dear brother	My dear Sir
In some other way	I wish there were
In another case	In their own way

4.	Read and write five lines of each outline				
	Has to be there		How can there be		
	I have been there		Some other		
	We have been there	;	My dear friend		
	Some other way		Shall be there		
	Or some other		Though there is		
5.	Try to read the following sentences				
1.					
2.					
3.					

September is a pleasant month. Snow falls in December, temperature falls down and people remain inside. May, June and July are hot months and people go to hills on holiday resort. But as the prices have gone up, perhaps it will affect the tourist's traffic which will no longer be as it was last year. My dear Sir, we wish to draw your attention to our letter of tenth May. In this connection we have to inform you that as importers and exporters like yourselves we are at the tender mercy of our suppliers.

7. Write in shorthand the following paragraph:

The structure of our business is such that delays of this nature cause shortage of materials in stock and the inevitable loss of future orders from the disappointed customers. We must have all these materials by the `15th June at the latest in order to prepare our catalogues and deliver the proofs to the printers

by mid July. We therefore request that a definite delivery date rather than an explanation should be given to us.

INTEXT QUESTIONS 9.4

- 1. Fill in the blanks :
- (i) Stroke mp-mb when not hooked initially or finally is doubled for the addition of
- (ii) Stroke mp-mb can also be represented in hooked form when attached to any or 'K'.
- (iii) Stroke NG is doubled for the addition of
- (iv) Stroke NG can also be represented in hooked form when attached to or horizontal stroke.
- (v) Doubling Principle is not employed in tense of any word.
- (vi) Doubling principle is not employed when a vowel followstr, dr
- (vii) Doubling principle is employed in for the addition of the words their, there other and dear.

9.11 WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

Writing of any stroke in double the size of its normal length is called doubling. There are three lengths of a stroke i.e. full length, half length and double length. A straight stroke can be doubled for the addition of tr, dr, THr, and ture when another stroke occures before it, has an initial circle or has a final hook or final joined diphthong. Curved strokes are doubled to indicate tr. dr. THr. Only tr. will be added when stroke 'L' standing alone is doubled. Circle 'S' can also be added to double length 'L'.

The character mp-mb, when not initially or finally hooked, is doubled for the addition of -er.. The strokes mb and mp can also be represented in hooked form when attached to any upstroke or 'K'. The character 'Ng'. is doubled for the addition of kr-gr. It is used initially and when following a circle or an upstroke. Stroke 'Ng' can also be represented in hooked form when attached to downstrokes or horizontal strokes.

Doubling principle is not employed in past tenses of any word or when a vowel follows final tr. dr. THr. because the final vowel requires a final stroke for the vowel sign.

The doubling principle is employed in phraseography for the addition of the words: their, there, other and dear.

9.13 MATERIAL FOR EXTENDED LEARNING

Consult Chapter XXIV on 'Doubling Principle' from the Pitman Shorthand Instructor. Shorthand dictionary can also be used in case of difficulty. Take dictation at a speed of 40-50 words per minute from the drill exercises and terminal exercises given in this chapter.

9.12 TERMINAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Explain with examples the use of doubling principle with straight strokes.
- 2. Describe with examples the doubling of strokes mp/mb.
- 3. Explain the circumstances under which doubling principle is not employed. Give examples.

ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

9.4

- 1. (i) er
 - (ii) upstroke
 - (iii) kr, gr
 - (iv) down stroke
 - (v) past
 - (vi) final
 - (vii) phraseography